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Order of Battle Data

1. Reports received between 1 December 1950 and 1 January 1951 confirm the over-all disposition of Soviet ground forces in the Soviet Zone of Germany until mid-December 1950.

2. The following units in the Soviet Zone of Germany location, and date of observation, were confirmed or newly identified between 1 December 1950 and 1 January 1951:

a. GMG Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG)

56th Motor Trans Regt

KRAIMPITZ or 25 November  
WUENSDORF

A (25th?) RL Brig

PRELNITZ- 21 November  
RATHENOW-  
BRANDENBURG  
area

Hq Arty Div

POTSDAM 21 November

b. Eighth Guards Army

220th Hv Tank SP Regt

GLAUCHAU 25 November

87th Gun Arty Regt

PLAUEN 12 December

c. Third Shock Army136th Gds Hv Tank  
SP Regt

BURG 15 December

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Hq 19th Gds Mecz Div	HILLERSLEBEN	12 December
Hq 207th Mtz Rifle Div	STENDAL	3 December
Hq 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	SCHWERIN	15 December
283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	HAGENOW	December
288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	WISMAR	December
74th (?) Tank SP Regt	SCHWERIN	November
Hq 18th Mecz Div	PERLEBERG	2 December
59th Mecz Regt	LUDWIGSLUST	December
60th Mecz Regt	PARCHIM	14 November
A Medium Tank Regt of the 18th Mecz Div	PARCHIM	25 October
1054th How Arty Regt	LUDWIGSLUST	25 October
348th Engr Bn	PARCHIM or LUDWIGSLUST	December

d. First Guards Mechanized Army

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Hq 8th Gds Mecz Div	GRIMMA	2 December
64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	LEISNIG	25 November

e. Second Guards Mechanized Army

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Army Hq	FUERSTENBERG	10 November
Hq 9th Gds Tank Div	NEUSTRELITZ	21 November
65th Gds Tank Regt	NEUSTRELITZ	21 October
234th Mort Regt	NEUSTRELITZ	23 September
34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	NEURUPPIN	30 September
226th Mort Regt	NEURUPPIN	13 October
Hq 1st Mecz Div	DOEBERITZ	23 November
35th Mecz Regt	DOEBERITZ	2 December
219th Tank Regt	DOEBERITZ	2 December

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f. Third Guards Mechanized Army

25X1	91st Gds RL Regt		TREBBIN	25 November
	Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div		JUETERBOG	2 December
	49th Gds Mecz Regt		JUETERBOG	2 December
	A RL Bn of the 14th Gds Mecz Div		JUETERBOG	2 December

g. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army

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	312th Gds RL Regt		EBERSWALDE	18 December
	113th Sig Regt		EBERSWALDE	19 November
	AAA Division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army		EBERSWALDE- FUERSTENWALDE area	December
	35th (?) Gds Mecz Regt		BERNAU	20 November
	16th Gds Mecz Regt		BAD FREIEN- WALDE	14 October
	17th Gds Mecz Regt		EBERSWALDE	24 December
	676th How Arty Regt		BERNAU	16 November
	22d Gds Engr Bn		BERNAU	2 December
	An AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div		BERNAU	30 October
	Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div		FUERSTENWALDE	15 December
	26th Gds Mecz Regt		FUERSTENWALDE or FRANKFURT/ Oder	18 December
	Hq 25th Tank Div		ORANIENBURG	23 November
	162d Tank Regt		ORANIENBURG	23 October
	248th Gds RL Bn		KRALPNITZ	2 November *

Movements

3. Reports received during the period covered by the report confirmed that the 19th Gds Mecz Div remained in its new billeting area in and around MAGDEBURG. Reports dated from late October to mid-November 1950 stated that components of the division were also stationed in HILLERSLEBEN. A report from the WUENSDORF-ZOSSEN area, where the 19th Gds Mecz Div had formerly been billeted, stated that the troops from there had remained in the MAGDEBURG area, and that German employees of the division also went there.

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The barracks installations in WUENSDORF were reported being re-conditioned and had not been reoccupied up to 22 December 1950. German authorities in WUENSDORF expected that troops would move into the installations at the beginning of February 1951. With the withdrawal of the 19th Gds Mecz Div from WUENSDORF, the reconstruction of Camp ZOSSEN since mid-April 1950 and the transfer of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32d, of the GORG from ALTENGRABOW by October 1950, a number of military billets have become available for the quartering of troops. It is possible that a further shifting of units may occur in the Soviet Zone of Germany during the coming months, but it is also possible that the vacant billeting areas will be occupied by units which will either be newly activated in the Soviet Zone of Germany or units which will come from the USSR.

4. In view of these possibilities, it is particularly necessary to observe carefully any pooling of empty rolling stock in the Soviet Zone of Germany and its movement to the U.S.S.R. in order to recognize, in time, any preparations for the shifting of Soviet forces from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany. Information on the pooling of rolling stock has been contradictory. One [redacted] report [redacted] [redacted] stated that no empty rolling stock left the Soviet Zone of Germany up to 20 December 1950, while another [redacted] [redacted] claimed that a total of 650 flatcars from the railroad districts of HALLE, ERFURT, and MAGDEBURG were dispatched toward KOVEL and BREST-LITOVSK between 15 and 25 December 1950. Although the accuracy of neither of the two reports can yet be judged, the information deserves special attention.

5. The influx of artillery pieces and motor vehicles, mostly used ones, from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany since the end of November 1950 has increased in volume over previous months. The materiel which arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany between 25 November and 25 December 1950 included about 180 artillery pieces of from 100 to 150 mm, about 100x50 AA guns, 400 to 500 used motor vehicles, most of which were trucks, and 50 to 100 new motor vehicles. The majority of the motor vehicles were consigned to the 53d Central Repair Shop of the GORG in BERLIN-ODERSCHONENEWEIDE. They were presumably overhauled there and distributed. Although no definite information has been received, there are three possibilities for the distribution of the artillery pieces which have arrived recently: first, the reequipment of Soviet units with modern weapons, including possibly the replacement of 57 and 76-mm AT guns by 85 or 100-mm AT guns; second, the activation of a Soviet artillery division, the equipment and personnel of which arrived separately; and third, the issuance of an increased number of Soviet guns to the German Volkspolizei.

#### Personnel

6. Following the termination of the influx of recruits in late October 1950, four or five more trains with personnel, each train consisting of about 20 boxcars, arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany up to the middle of December 1950. These personnel are believed to have been either recruits arriving behind schedule,

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or specialists. During the same period, some trains with troops due for demobilization in the U.S.S.R. are believed to have left the Soviet Zone of Germany. For example, about 1,000 troops without baggage were seen boarding 50 boxcars in BAD FREIENWALDE on 15 November 1950, probably for shipment to the U.S.S.R. Two empty shuttle trains, which returned to the Soviet Zone of Germany via KUESTRIN in early December 1950, are also believed to have hauled discharged soldiers to the U.S.S.R.

7. The influx of officer replacements from the U.S.S.R., who have been observed arriving in the Soviet Zone of Germany aboard regular leave trains since the beginning of November 1950, continued until the end of December 1950. While an exact estimate is impossible, it is believed that a noticeably large number of officers of all branches of service arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany during that period. Upon their arrival in FRANKFURT/Oder, the officers were processed in the Hofbauer Kaserne there, and reassigned to military posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
8. The repatriation of Soviet dependents by the trainloads continued throughout November 1950. A report from ROSSLAU stated that all families had to return to the U.S.S.R. with the exception of those of field-grade officers.

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Supply

10. Three reports on Soviet supply installations in the Soviet Zone of Germany were forwarded separately. \*\*

Transportation

11. The six German locomotive columns handling Soviet transit traffic with a total of about 130 locomotives were confirmed in their previous locations. The reserve locomotives were also observed at their collection points [redacted]  
[redacted] There was no change in the status of either locomotive columns or their reserve locomotives.

12. The following locomotives were available in the Soviet Zone of Germany on 30 September 1950:

	Total	<u>Operational</u> Serviceable	Damaged	Total
Reichsbahn locomotives	4, 704	3,359	1,014	5,718
Column locomotives	376	354	-	376
Foreign locomotives	46	34	1,027	1,073
Small locomotives	441	252	40	481
Narrow-gauge locomotives	206	145	7	213

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13. In August 1950, a special registration of freight cars suitable for military purposes and serviceable on the day of count revealed the following:

Boxcars	19,198	
Gondola cars	48,557	
Flatcars with sideboards	3,650	
Heavy-duty flatcars	858	(especially suitable for the ship-
Well wagons	59	ment of armored vehicles)
Flatcars with sideracks	5,068	
Tank cars	11,141	
Total	93,531	

14. Official statistical records revealed that the following quantities of fuels and lubricants were consumed in August 1950:

- a. Locomotive coal 559,506 metric tons  
Daily consumption, approximately 18,000 metric tons
- b. Lubricants consumed by locomotives 366,323 kg.

AUSTRIA

15. The general disposition of the Soviet occupation troops of the Central Group of Forces in the Soviet Zone of Austria remained constant up to the middle of December 1950. The units of the Soviet divisions in Austria were at their home stations during the first half of December 1950.

16. Officer replacements arrived in the Soviet Zone of Austria between 27 November and 25 December 1950, as in the Soviet Zone of Germany. \*\*\*

17. [redacted] the 15th Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div [redacted] was confirmed in BRUCK on the Leitha River until 30 March 1950.

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18. No information has been received from Western Hungary. A report stating that Soviet troops were stationed in KECSKEMET in Eastern Hungary, confirmed the Soviet division carried in that area up to 2 December 1950.

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- [redacted] in addition to the 17th Gds Mecz Div, another division, still believed to be the 2d Gds Mecz Div, previously stationed in Rumania, is stationed in the SZEKESFEHERVAR-SZOLNOK-CEGLED-KECSKEMET area. [redacted] the 2d Gds Mecz Div also appears to be subordinate to the Central Group of Forces.

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19. A report from the TIMISOARA-ARAD area in the Banat, confirmed the presence of Soviet forces there until the middle of November 1950.

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